

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-50 are pending, with claims 1, 28, 42, and 44 being independent. Dependent claims 47-50 have been added by this amendment. No new matter is being added.

Claims 1-35 and 37-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bodnar (6,544,295).

This response first addresses the rejection with respect to claims 1-27, then claims 28-35 and 37-41, then claims 42 and 43, and finally claims 44-46.

Claims 1-27

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to obviate the § 102(e) rejection.

As amended, claim 1 recites a method of managing navigation information in a computer application that includes, among other features, establishing a global context that can communicate with a plurality of resources, where each resource resides in an associated local context. State information is communicated from one or more of the local contexts to the global context and global navigation information is maintained for the plurality of resources using a single navigation interface based on the communicated state information, where the plurality of resources are separate and independent resources that include both browser and non-browser applications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Bodnar fails to describe or suggest that the global navigation information for a plurality of separate and independent resources, including both browser and non-browser applications, are maintained using a single navigation interface.

The Advisory Action indicates that:

“Bodnar’s Quick marks in fig. 7 records a history list of previous[ly] visited Web sites, in which each Web site represents a state information with date and time of last-time visiting...” See Advisory Action mailed September 23, 2004.

However, assuming for the sake of argument that the Advisory Action’s characterization of Fig. 7 of Bodnar is correct, amended claim 1 now recites using a single navigation interface for the global navigation information for resources that are separate and independent and that include

both browser and non-browser applications. At the most, Bodnar only provides a history list of web sites. Bodnar does not provide a single navigation interface for a plurality of resources that include both browser and non-browser applications.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-27.

Claims 28-35 and 37-41

Applicants have amended independent claim 28 to obviate the § 102(e) rejection.

As amended, claim 28 recites a method of managing a history list in a computer application that includes, among other features, receiving state information from a plurality of separate and independent resources that include both browser and non-browser applications, where each resource resides in an associated local context. Based on the received state information, a history of resources accessed by users of the computer application is maintained and a global-context history list representative of an order in which the resources were accessed is presented using a single navigation interface. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Bodnar fails to describe or suggest presenting a global-context history list representative of an order in which the resources were accessed using a single navigation interface, where the plurality of resources are separate and independent resources and include both browser and non-browser applications.

At the most, Bodnar merely illustrates a list of web site Quick marks that indicates web sites visited by a user, but does not describe or suggest using a single navigation interface that presents a history list of both browser and non-browser applications.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of claim 28, and its dependent claims 29-35 and 37-41.

Claims 42 and 43

Applicants have amend independent claim 42 to obviate the § 102(e) rejection.

As amended, claim 42 recites a software application environment that includes, among other features, an application capable of communicating with each of a plurality of local context resources and maintaining a global-context navigation information based on state information received from one or more of the resources, where the resources are separate and independent resources that include both browser and non-browser applications. A navigation mechanism includes a single navigation interface and enables a user of the application to move among the resources based on the global-context navigation information.

As discussed above with respect to claim 1, Bodnar fails to describe or suggest using a single navigation interface for the global navigation information for a plurality of resources that are separate and independent and that include both browser and non-browser applications.

For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of amended claim 42 and its dependent claim 43.

Claims 44-46

Applicants have amended independent claim 44 to obviate the rejection.

As amended, claim 44 recites software, stored on a computer-readable medium including instructions for causing a computer system to establish a global context that can communicate with a plurality of resources where each resource resides in an associated local context and where the plurality of resources are separate and independent resources that include both browser and non-browser applications. State information from one or more of the local contexts is communicated to the global context. Global navigation, history information, or both, are maintained based on the communicated state information using a single navigation interface.

As discussed above with respect to claim 1, Bodnar fails to describe or suggest using a single navigation interface for the global navigation information and/or history information for a plurality of resources that are separate and independent and that include both browser and non-browser applications.

For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of amended claim 44 and its dependent claims 45 and 46.

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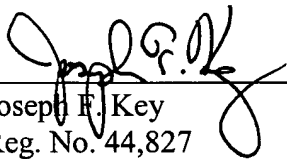
Claim 36

Claim 36, which depends from claim 28, stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodnar. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Bodnar fails to describe or suggest the features of claim 28.

Enclosed is a check for \$1292 of which \$790 is for the Request for Examination fee, \$430 is for the two-month extension of time fees, and \$72 is for the excess claim fees. During the pendency of this case, please apply any deficiencies or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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